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## EU Rice Weekly, Brussels, September 20, 2005

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**Report Highlights:**

This weekly report contains data on rice prices in the U.S. and the EU. It also lists current import duties in the EU. All information will be published as such in the USDA publication "Rice Market News".

EU Brown rice tariffs for the period September 1, 2005 to February 28, 2006 are expected to be EUR 42.50/MT. This is likely to be confirmed by the European Commission shortly. The European Commission has announced that it may lower the EU milled rice tariff.

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Includes PSD Changes: No  
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## Weekly rice report - Brussels, September 20, 2005

The European Commission has announced that it has reached an agreement with Thailand to lower EU milled and broken rice tariffs from September 1, 2005. This will not be official until the EU formally adopts legislation setting this out, but a Commission Press Release indicates that the new milled rice tariff is likely to be EUR 145/MT and the new broken rice tariff EUR 65/MT. It may take the Commission several months before the required legislation is adopted, but there is no guarantee the legislation will be approved.

<http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/1088&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

### LOWEST OFFERING PRICES Basis C&F ARAG (unless otherwise stated)

#### Whole Long-Grain – old crop prices for immediate delivery

	US\$/MT	US\$/100 LBS
<b>UNITED STATES***</b>	Bulk	Bulk
2 Milled 4 pct *	281.09	12.75
2 Brown 4/73 pct	295.42	13.40
Medium Milled 2/4 *	-	-
1 Brown parb 4/88 **	306.44	13.90

\* F.A.S. basis

\*\* While nominal price quotes are for 1 BROWN PARB 4/88, these quotes in reality refer to rice that meets all U.S. No.1 requirements except for one or two categories. Current and historical trade practice is for rice shipped to the EU to be graded only as No.2 and to be further processed upon arrival.

\*\*\* Note – These prices are spot prices and should not be used as an indication of future or forward prices.

	EUR/MT	US\$/MT	US\$/100 LBS
<b>EUROPEAN UNION</b>			
Spain, Indica, Paddy	178	223	10.12
Spain, Indica, Milled	410	515	23.37
Italy, Thaibonnet, paddy	190	239	10.83
Italy, Thaibonnet, milled	385	484	21.94
Italian Indica, 5%, milled	320	402	18.24
Italian Indica, 5% milled, sortex, parboiled	400	503	22.80

Prices on local markets (Italy). Italian Indica prices: basis - bulk, free on truck. Spanish indica price, delivered northern Europe.

Thai prices are available from FAS/Bangkok's weekly rice report via

<http://www.fas.usda.gov/scripts/attacherep/default.asp>

#### IMPORT LEVIES, from 9/1/2005 to 28/02/2006

	EUR/MT	EUR/MT	US\$/MT	US\$/MT
		ACP	General	ACP
1006 20, Brown/Husked	42.5	14.17	53.40	17.80
1006 30, Milled/White	175	58.33	219.89	73.30
1006 40, Broken	128	41.18	160.83	51.74

EURO/US\$ rate	1.21475
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Source: FT, 20 September 2005

## EU Import License Data

The next review of the EU brown rice import tariff will take place in early March 2006. The tariff will be set for the period March 1 2006 to August 31 2006. The tariff will be based on import license volumes from September 1 2005 to February 28 2006. If the import license volume of brown rice (excluding basmati brown rice) is less than 186,013 MT then the tariff will be EUR 30/MT. If the volume is between EUR 186,013 and 251,665 MT then the tariff will be EUR 42.50/MT. If the volume exceeds 251,665 MT, then the tariff will be EUR 65. Full details of the US-EU Rice Agreement and an explanation of how the new system works can be found in GAIN Report [E35132](#)<sup>1</sup>

For the complete 2004/05 Marketing Year, from September 1 2004 to August 31 2005, total EU import licenses for brown rice that is not basmati totaled **397,261 MT**.

(Note the table below gives data to 30 August and basmati data to 30 August).

Period: Sept 1 to Sept 13

MT		Marketing Year, Year to Date	
		2005-06	2004-05
<b>Paddy</b>	Japonica	22	1
	Indica	0	0
<b>Brown</b>	Japonica	153	534
	Indica	25,435	17,178
	Of which - basmati	13,362	2,011
<b>Semi-milled</b>	Japonica	39	5
	Indica	110	42
<b>Milled</b>	Japonica	600	551
	Indica	2,143	5,964
<b>Total, in milled rice equivalents</b>	Japonica	755	953
	Indica	19,795	17,856
	Total	20,550	18,809
	Brokens	1,313	1,498

Source: European Commission.  
<http://forum.europa.eu.int/Public/irc/agri/igriz/library?l=/publicdomain/rice&vm=detailed&sb=Title>

Note: Import licenses, once requested are valid for the month in which they were requested plus a further two months. For example, a license granted on the 10<sup>th</sup> November would be valid until the end of January.

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.fas.usda.gov/gainfiles/200507/146130161.pdf>